



SGSCB STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND BUSINESS PLAN 2016-2017

Our vision for safeguarding in South Gloucestershire is that children and adults thrive, reach their full potential and live their lives safe from harm (violence, abuse, neglect, exploitation). To achieve this vision we will work together and with local communities to improve outcomes and to ensure South Gloucestershire is a place where safeguarding is everybody's business

SGSCB statutory responsibilities identified in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015', include:

Co-ordination & Effectiveness	Performance and Quality Assurance
Serious and Child Death Review	Learning and Improvement
Training	

Ongoing activity of SGSCB is undertaken by the following Sub-Groups

Executive	On-Line Safety	Child Death Overview Panel
Training	Serious Case Review	Education
Policy & Procedures	Missing from Home, Care and School	
Communications	Child Sexual Abuse/Sexual Exploitation	
Quality Assurance		

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1:

Ensure effective leadership, roles and responsibilities within the Safeguarding Board

1. To undertake a governance review of the board and its sub groups in order to strengthen the commitment, effectiveness and accountability of member organisations. To take full account of the findings of the Alan Wood Review of LSCBs on behalf of the DfE
2. To undertake a full funding review of the board to cover all actual costs in conjunction with social care, police and CCG. This exercise to inform contributions from partner organisations and to report on the costs of implementing a board business unit
3. To build on the strategic relationships with other boards/committees to share the key priorities for safeguarding children and young people in South Gloucestershire and clarify interdependencies and areas of delegated authority. To ensure clear linkage with the JSNA
4. To ensure the LSCB is represented on the MASH development programme board and is consulted at key strategic points in light of the renewed focus on implementing a MASH in South Gloucestershire
5. To ensure the LSCB and all partner organisations are supporting children's social care and partner practitioners in implementing and embedding the Signs of Safety Assessment Model

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2

To actively seek to capture and act upon the voice of those affected by safeguarding concerns

1. To undertake a focussed piece of work to look at how the board can ensure the 'voice of the child' impacts on board business and effectiveness
2. To establish a data set for the board performance report based on the signs of safety model, to include feedback from the children/young people as to how multi-agency intervention has impacted on their safety and wellbeing
3. To actively pursue the Quality Sub Group, via the lay member, seeking feedback from family members, including the child/young person on each case subject to multi-agency audit

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3

Strengthen board communications, member dissemination and practitioner feedback

1. To encourage each member organisation to have clear dissemination policy and practice which includes how they check out that key procedures and information have reached frontline staff. The board to ensure that minimum expectations of member organisations are understood
2. To consider how the board can consult with and receive feedback from member organisations' frontline practitioners
3. To consolidate the planned joint communications sub group with the LSAB to ensure the work of the board and its member organisations is well publicised
4. To undertake recruitment process for lay members as the current two year tenure is coming to an end

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4

Assuring the quality of safeguarding practice in South Gloucestershire and prioritising and sharing best practice

1. To actively participate in the Avon and Somerset wide Section 11 Audit (in full for 2016)
2. To develop a challenge/feedback event in South Gloucestershire in response to the Section 11 Audit returns
3. To review the board performance report to ensure all contributions are being received, to identify any gaps and to ensure it is telling the board what it needs to know
4. To monitor knowledge, understanding and use of the Resolution of Professional Differences Policy at all levels, to include healthy practitioner and manager challenge
5. The training programme is effectively quality assured, is responsive to new and emerging issues both nationally and locally and its impact on practice is measured and analysed across all organisations

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5

To promote a learning and improvement culture which responds to identified developments and actions

1. To consolidate the learning from the Serious Case Review Reading Group and how this can be shared on a wider basis as part of the Learning and Improvement Framework
2. To play an active role in the regional work to create a Partner Problem Profile for Child Sexual Exploitation for South Gloucestershire
3. To consider wider use of the learning from the Quality Sub Group Multi-Agency Audits and Serious Case Review Sub Group Case Reviews
4. To maintain involvement and oversight of revisions to SWCPP
5. To have a particular focus on:
 - Early help/preventative work
 - Child Sexual Exploitation/missing from home, care and school (including out of area placements)
 - Private fostering
 - Travelling communities
 - Results of the early years safeguarding audit and schools safeguarding audit
 - Prevent
6. To continue to have oversight and scrutiny of:
 - Corporate parenting
 - FGM/honour based violence/forced marriage
 - Vinney Green Secure Unit
 - EDT
 - Elective home education/missing from education
 - CDOP
 - ART (and the application of the threshold matrix)
 - Children in detention after charge
 - Marac
 - Lado